February 16, 2020

Happy Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time! Today’s Gospel provides us with much needed food for thought about how we are to live when we love God and love others by following what Jesus says.

Once again, there are so many terrific things happening at Saint Charles parish - if you are attending Mass somewhere else this weekend, here is a link to the bulletin that is packed with great information - especially regarding Lent:  https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/2492/bulletins/20200216.pdf

There is no school on Monday, February 16 - Presidents’ Day.

Of course everyone knows that Tuesday at 3pm is the deadline to re-register your child to be a part of the awesome Catholic school family that is Saint Charles. If you are registering your child for kindergarten next year, it would be much appreciated if you did that by Tuesday as well. If you know other families that are considering Saint Charles, encourage them to turn in their application as soon as possible.

Living Stations of the Cross - practice for Prologue I & II, Intro, and Stations 1-4 will be on Tuesday from 2:45-4:30pm in church.

Rock On Road Crew - will meet from 2:45-4:00pm on Tuesday in the Parish Activity Center. Students may wear their Rock On t-shirts instead of polos to school.

Lego club for grade 2 - will meet on Wednesday from 2:45-3:30pm in the library.

The CYO girls’ basketball teams - will have their end of season basketball party in the gym starting at 6pm on Wednesday. The boys’ teams will have their party NEXT Thursday at 6pm in the gym.

The PTU meeting for February - is Wednesday at 7pm in Lower Parish Hall.

There is a $1 Casual for a Cause dress down day on Thursday - and the cause is so the seventh grade can create some great gift bags for the homebound of the parish. We thank Mr. Pelcin, Ms. Zalek, and Mr. Swinerton for taking these bags to the parishioners who are not able to make it to Mass and parish events and letting them know that the kids in the school love them and pray for them. Thanks for remembering that tight jeans and yoga pants/leggings are not appropriate dress down clothes for school (and that I have clothes to help those who choose to wear them anyhow.)
Did you know that Mrs. Jamie Merold, our fantastic preschool teacher, was part of the diocesan curriculum writing team this past summer?! We are so proud. As someone who worked on the religion curriculum, I can tell you that it is a lot of work and the diocese sifts through many applications to choose those on the team. **The roll-out of the curriculum is Friday and since Mrs. Merold, Miss Oswald and Mrs. Ward are all attending, there is no preschool on Friday, February 21.**

**Interested in knowing more about Theology of the Body** - which is now part of our religion curriculum across the Diocese of Cleveland? There is a new non-profit, TOB CLE, that is hosting a one day introductory course. It is NOT just for teachers - it is for anyone interested in knowing more about John Paul II's teaching about what it means to be human, to be created male/female in His image and what our purpose is on earth. Interested? Just go to www.toble.org and register by March 7 for the one day course on March 14 at Sts. Robert and William parish. (Full disclosure: I am honored and humbled to be part of the advisory board of this initiative for our diocese.)

**One of the best gifts you can give your children is a happy, healthy marriage** - so how about a date night at Saint Charles on Friday? This month's Post Cana topic is "Opposites Attract: Honoring Differences in Your Marriage" and the speakers are parishioners (and opposites) Jim and Cheryl Smith. **There is free babysitting too!** Register today if you are going so they can have an accurate count for set-up and babysitting. Here is a link to more information and when you click on the banner, you can easily register: **https://stcharlesonline.org/post-cana** If you have never attended, give it a try!

**All St. Charles Parish children can now register for spring sports ONLINE at stcharlessports.org** - which include: boys/girls intramural track for grades 1 and 2 (registration fee is $30) and CYO boys/girls track for grades 3-8. It is a great way to keep in good physical shape for other sports and have fun with your teammates at the same time. **Show your Wildcat pride and join!** A valid sports physicals is required (dated after 6/1/19 and handed in by March 15th). Use the CYO form located on our sports website (http://www.stcharlessports.org/). The spring sports fee for CYO - grades 3-8 is $100 and due at signup - and if you are having trouble with the fee that is due at sign up, please contact Eileen Updegrove at eupdegrove@saintcharlesschool.org. We don't want any child to miss out on track because of financial reasons and all arrangements will be confidential. **Registration runs through March 1 but practices begin next week on February 24.** Questions can be directed by emailing Athletic Director Kevin Leigh at eriekleigh@gmail.com or 440 -842-6362 (H) or 440-488-6982(C).

**Once again, thank you for sharing your children with us.** They bring us great joy as we work together to bring the Kingdom of God present in the world today!

See you Tuesday -

Eileen M. Updegrove